Victoria Voice
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REMINDER: GEOMEER HELPING HAMPER CAMPAIGNS ENDING FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

Victoria School of the Arts is collecting donations for our annual Helping Hampers campaign, which is ending on December 16th. Lists have been sent to all elementary classrooms and secondary period one classes and students from leadership will be coming and inspecting all of the donations, and determining the winner of the pizza party.

The Helping Hampers campaign we do every year has one goal. To help five families in need in our school community. We will supply those families with 3-5 months worth of food, toiletries, supplies, and anything else you would need to live.

The campaign will end on December 16th and all donations will be collected on that date.

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Upcoming Events

Monday, December 12
- Elementary Running Club (Grades 3–9) @ lunch. Meet on the steps to the North Gym
- High School Girls Basketball Practice – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the South Gym

Tuesday, December 13
- High School Co-ed Soccer Practice – 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. in the South Gym
- Band Students Rehearsal (Grade 7-12) – 12:18 – 3:10 p.m. in the Theatre
- Math Help Sessions (Secondary) – at lunch in Room 2420
- Cheer Holiday Potluck – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cafeteria
- High School Girls Basketball Game – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. - VSA vs Vimy Ridge – South Gym

Wednesday, December 14
- Band Students Rehearsal (Grade 7-12) – 8:45 a.m. – 3:10 p.m. in the Theatre
- Elementary Running Club (Grades 3 – 9) at lunch. Meet on the steps to the North Gym
- High School Girls Basketball Practice – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the South Gym
- High School Co-ed Soccer Game – 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. – VSA vs. Edmonton Christian, #2
- Edmonton Soccer Centre West, 106A Avenue N.W.
- Wavelengths (Instrumental Music 7 - 12) – 7:00 – 8:00 - Theatre

Thursday, December 15
- High School Co-ed Soccer Practice – 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. in the South Gym
- Morning Smudge – 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. in Room 1121
- Elementary – Hot Lunch
- Math Help Sessions (Secondary) – at lunch in Room 2420

Friday, December 16
- Elementary Running Club (Grades 3 – 9) at lunch. Meet on the steps to the North Gym

Reminders:
- GEOMEER Helping Hampers Campaign ending this Friday (December 16th). The classes with the most stuff will win a pizza party
- Ripples (Visual Arts Elementary) A showcase of visual art emerging from our Elementary Art Program.

Advertising

Advertising Rates:

Basic Plan: $2.00/week gets you a basic advertisement in the newspaper.

Deluxe Plan: $4.00/week gets you an advertisement that we can create for you on our website and newspaper.

Premium Plan: $8.00/week gets you an advertisement that we can create for you, and be featured on our website, newspaper and emails, as well as some other perks.

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Word Of The Week

soliloquy
so·lil·o·quy

noun
the act of talking to oneself or a dramatic speech that represents a series of unspoken thoughts.

-Kaylee Luong

Fictional Story- From Last Release

You know the saying “it’s fun until someone gets hurt” it seems that no one takes it serious. Until their affected by it.

It was a sunny day, my friends and I were soaking up the rest of the the summer before school started again. Mountains at the beach we were at were high, but not to high to jump off of. I wasn’t a great swimmer but when I was with my best friends Brad and Juliet and they convinced to just go for it.

‘ “Guys I don’t think this is a good idea.” I complained, biting my bottom lip.

“C’mon Cathy it’ll be fine, you're just a little bit afraid of heights.” Brad laughed a bit.

“Ya, Cath!” Juliet smiled wide begging me with her eyes.

“Fine.” I exclaimed rolling my eyes.

“Here,” Juliet started. “Hold my hand.” She stuck her hand out in front of me and I grabbed in roughly. “Three, two, one!”

We ran together, the end of the cliff reached our feet when we both began moving forward even more. Everything seemed to move in slow motion, the wind, the fall, everything. Finally we hit the water in a large splash. Brad soon followed. It was all alright. We decided that we should do it again, and again, and again. Each time I went with Juliet and then, the fourth time, I had stupidly said I had the confidence and thought that I did. The same sensations of the cold rock at the bottom of feet, the edge, the slow motion sights, the warm wind. When I finally hit the cold water it felt harder than before, and when I went under I realized I had no one to help me back up. I started sinking, going under fast. Flailing my arms through the water, I tried to grab attention, but it just pulled me down faster. The water began entering my lungs and my arms began to get tired and fell beside me, and that’s when I acknowledged what it was like to die, and everything stopped.

-Danica Marie

Seven Penguins Die At The Calgary Zoo- Junior

On Thursday December 8 around 7:15 am, 7 of the 22 Humboldt penguins were found dead at the Calgary Zoo. The necropsy results showed that the cause of the death was drowning. Humboldt penguins live off the coast of Chile and Peru although they don't migrate as much, they're still built for water. The Calgary Zoo has made headlines of their dying animals that maybe theres something were missing, or something was overlooked. Hopefully that it's just animals dying from natural causes. I hope no other animals die at the Calgary Zoo.

-Neeysa Cruz

Holiday Trivia- Junior

Who was the actor that played 'The Grinch' in the 2000 movie, "How The Grinch Stole Christmas"?

a) Bill Murray

b) Will Ferrell

c) Jim Carrey

d) Mike Myers

The answer to this weeks question will be posted next week

Poem

Winter

Winter is a fog
Rolling slowly into our blissful lives
Alerting you with the frost on the grass
Those who wake up early will see.
Winter is a wish
A hope
A new beginning
Something to revive our dying state
Something that will freeze a broken heart.

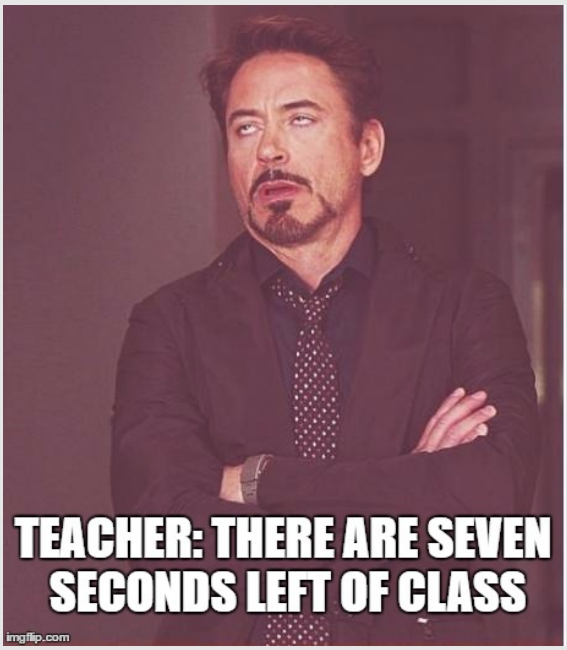
Winter is a state of mind
A tingling feeling in our fingertips
A shard driven deep into our skin
So we can pull it out
And find something better.
It is the snow that surrounds a fire
Not wanting to give in.
Winter is what we need
We wonder
We don't realize.

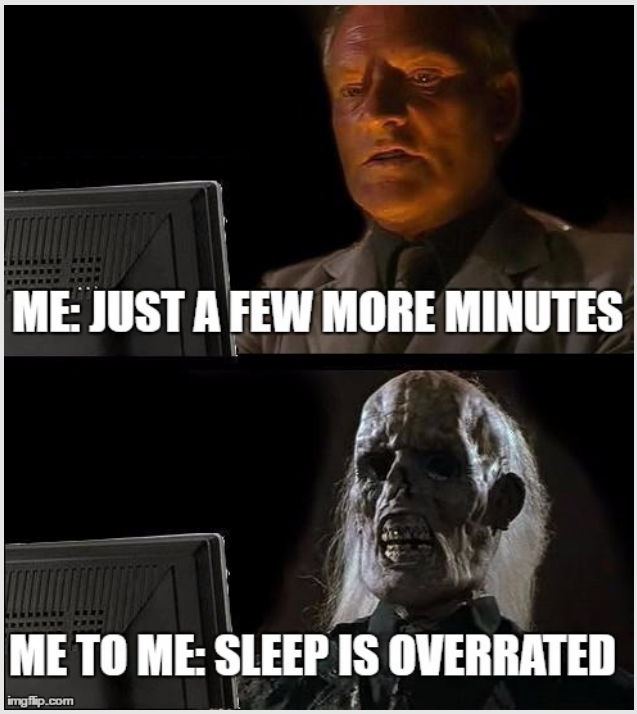
Winter gave us spring
Little flowers to bloom
Where they stood a
Graveyard for those before
Wilted away
In previous seasons.
Winter is a star in the morning
Fading away as it grows brighter
Just fighting to stay on
To be seen
To be acknowledged.
Winter is the past
That will come again.
-Ava-Cado Wetzel

Christmas Giving

Send us your gift ideas, and we'll feature them in the newspaper.

Memes

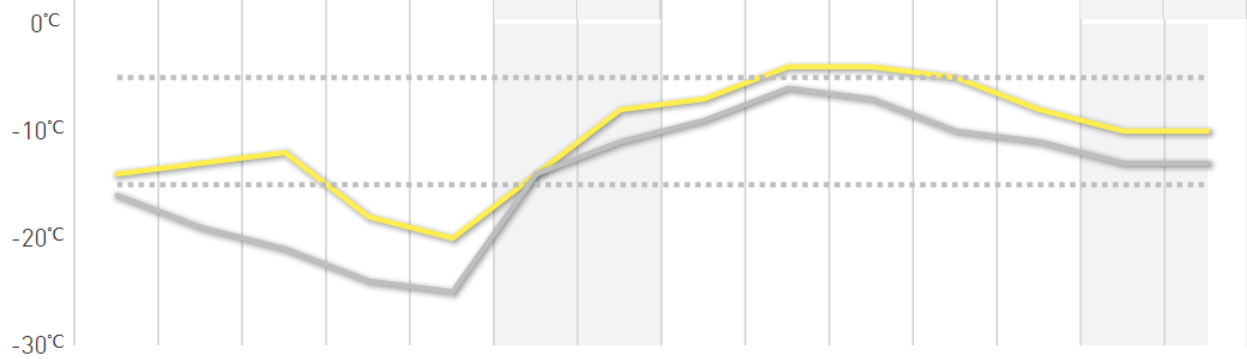




-Nathaniel Sorochan

The Weather

	Mon Dec 12	Tue Dec 13	Wed Dec 14	Thu Dec 15	Fri Dec 16	Sat Dec 17	Sun Dec 18	Mon Dec 19	Tue Dec 20	Wed Dec 21	Thu Dec 22	Fri Dec 23	Sat Dec 24	Sun Dec 25
Day	-14°C	-13°C	-12°C	-18°C	-20°C	-14°C	-8°C	-7°C	-4°C	-4°C	-5°C	-8°C	-10°C	-10°C
Night	-16°C	-19°C	-21°C	-24°C	-25°C	-14°C	-11°C	-9°C	-6°C	-7°C	-10°C	-11°C	-13°C	-13°C
POP	20%	20%	20%	30%	30%	30%	20%	20%	20%	30%	40%	40%	30%	60%



The cold seems like it will never end. Luckily, there is a light at the end of this tunnel, and temperatures will rebound to seasonal averages within 10 days.

The Weekend Forecast

	Mon (DAY) Dec 11	Mon (NIGHT) Dec 11	Sat (NIGHT) Dec 16	Sun (DAY) Dec 17	Sun (NIGHT) Dec 17
	A mix of sun and clouds	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Mainly sunny	Mainly clear
	-14°C	-16°C	-14°C	-8°C	-11°C
POP	20%	30%	20%	20%	10%

Photos of the Week

These photos are all of the pool in the basement of Victoria School, which hasn't seen a drop of water in a long time. -Nathaniel Sorochan

Soft Traditional Christmas Cookies

Ingredients:

- 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup margarine, softened
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Method:

1. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together, set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Gradually blend in the sifted ingredients until fully absorbed. Cover dough, and chill for 2 hours.
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets. On a clean floured surface, roll out small portions of chilled dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut out shapes using cookie cutters.
3. Bake 6 to 8 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are barely brown. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.

The Science Corner- Junior

Do you love science? Check out this area every week for a new science experiment!

Coin Cleaner:

You Will Need:

- a few old coins (which aren't shiny)
- vinegar
- salt
- bowl
- paper towels

Method:

1. Add 1 teaspoon of salt to 1/4 cup of vinegar.
2. Stir thoroughly.
3. Place old dirty coins into the bowl.
4. Wait for 20 seconds and then take the coins out and rinse them in water and dry them with your paper towels.
5. They should be now be shiny and clean!
6. Why? Vinegar is an acid and the salt reacts with the acid in the vinegar which removes the copper oxide that was making your coins look dirty.